



University of Waterloo

Financial requirement

Financial guarantee amount There is no specific requirement.

Brief overview of the university

The University of Waterloo, founded in July 1957, has long been recognized as the most innovative university in Canada. Waterloo is committed to advancing learning and knowledge through teaching, research and scholarship in its six faculties: Applied Health Sciences, Arts, Engineering, Environmental Studies, Mathematics, and Science, and in our federated university and affiliated colleges: St. Jerome's University, Conrad Grebel University College, Renison College, and St. Paul's United College..

The faculties are also home base to seven professional schools: Accountancy, Architecture, Balsillie School of International Affairs (Arts), Computer Science, Optometry, Planning and Pharmacy. The School of Pharmacy, anchoring a new Kitchener Health Sciences Campus that will include a satellite of McMaster University's Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine.

UW has the largest post-secondary co-operative education program in the world, and our students graduate with the knowledge, skills, and practical experience required to solve today's complex and pressing problems and to embrace future challenges. Waterloo is a research-intensive university; we're committed to discovering new knowledge and finding ways to use that knowledge for the benefit of all. We are the national leader in the transfer of ideas and technology to the private sector.

More Canadian high-tech and knowledge-based spin-off companies trace their roots to the University of Waterloo than to any other school. Waterloo campus is located on 1000 acre land in Waterloo, our School of Architecture Campus is located in Cambridge and the new School of Pharmacy, scheduled to open in the Spring of 2008 will be located in Kitchener. Waterloo has 24,342 full and part time undergrad students (Fall 2007 figures) and 3,636 full and part time graduate students, and 977 full time faculty members.

For more info please visit: <http://www.uwaterloo.ca/aboutuw/> - 'Just the Facts'

Academic issues

Academic strengths University of Waterloo is a comprehensive university, although it does not have Faculties of Law and Medicine, it offers Legal Studies and Criminology courses as well as Health Studies courses. We offer over 100 undergraduate programs, 61 Master Programs and 31 Doctoral Programs;; interdisciplinary and independents studies programs; through distance education we offers 250 courses in 48 subject areas leading to 3 degrees with 20% of them completely on-line; more than half of our students are registered in co-op, can choose from over 100 Co-op Education Programs; we excel in international competitions; offer 130 exchange programs

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| Restricted/closed Departments | <p>Master Program in Accounting, CBET and MBET Programs. For more information, visit http://www.ucalendar.uwaterloo.ca/0809/COURSE/index.html And click on 'Notes' for courses listed. Normally, if closed the following will be said: "These courses are not open to Non-Degree students, including exchange students at UW from another university."</p> |
| Can I pre-register for classes before arrival? | Yes – see www.exchange.uwaterloo.ca/howtoapply.html |
| If yes, please give details | Once you have been admitted to UW and you have received your UW student ID number, you can access the student information system QUEST www.quest.uwaterloo.ca/ ; Courses that you listed on your application form will be added on your QUEST. |
| Link/s to detailed subject or course descriptions: | <p>For course list please visit www.ucalendar.uwaterloo.ca/COURSE/index.html</p> <p>For schedule of classes visit www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infocour/CIR/SA/under.htm</p> |

Semester dates

Please visit the following webpages for information on forthcoming semester dates:
<http://www.quest.uwaterloo.ca/undergraduate/dates.html>

Housing

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| Guaranteed housing? | <p>Housing is not guaranteed, there are limited numbers of spaces set aside for exchange students, and however the Housing Office will assist incoming exchange students to find on-campus accommodation. . Housing availability for the Fall term is more critical for exchange students, but for Winter and Spring terms housing is more readily available. Generally, exchange students are housed in the Columbia Lake Village (CLV) South and exchange students with families/dependants are housed in the CVL North. When you receive your UW student ID number you can apply for housing on-line at https://peanut.uwaterloo.ca/applications/Exchange1081.htm at www.housing.uwaterloo.ca/</p> <p>Note: Students do not require to purchase a meal plan if they are housed in CLV, it is optional, since cooking facilities are available in each unit.</p> |
| If no, is on campus housing readily available? | If on-campus housing is not available our professional housing staff will provide assistance in finding very suitable off-campus housing; for more info please visit: www.hrf.uwaterloo.ca/ochousing2/ |
| When is housing information sent? | Housing information will be sent with the letter of admission from the Registrar's Office. At the later date, approximately 4 to six week before the start of the term, Housing will email/send out information to you. |
| Link to housing website | For information please visit: www.housing.uwaterloo.ca/ and www.exchange.uwaterloo.ca/nextsteps.html#NextStepHousing Applications https://peanut.uwaterloo.ca/applications/upper1071f/htm |
| Brief details | See above |
| Allocation process | See above |

Application information

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| Which month of the year are applications processed? | Continually (every term) |
| Which month of the year do you send out offer letters? | June/July (or as required every term) |

Immigration information

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| Which month of the year do you hope to send immigration documents? | The International Students Office sends out information, please visit www.international.uwaterloo.ca/iso/ and www.exchange.uwaterloo.ca/nextsteps.html#NextStepImmigration |
| Where can I find further information about immigration? | www.cic.gc.ca/ |

Pre-arrival information

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| Which is your nearest airport? | Pearson International Airport in Toronto |
| Do you offer an airport pick up programme? | No, however a University representative is available at the airport to great students and provides directions. ISO sends out info on this early in August. . Also see: www.information.uwaterloo.ca/howtoeach.html and www.greyhound.ca/ and http://www.airwaystransit.com/ or www.airwaystransit.com |
| Brief details | N/a |
| Do you have an orientation programme? | Yes at the beginning of each Fall and Winter terms, ISO sends information via email to all incoming students. |
| Is it mandatory? | No, however it is highly recommended |
| How much does it cost? | There is no cost. |
| What are the dates? | Dates are confirmed by ISO early August. |
| Link for a website for further details | www.international.uwaterloo.ca/iso/new_students/orientation%20prog.html |

Health Insurance

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| Do you have mandatory health insurance? | Yes |
| Brief details | The University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) and also, Student Care Health Insurance Plan www.studentcare.net/ |
| Approximately how much does it cost? | The cost is approximately \$400 per term |
| Can this be waived by my own policy? | Exemption/waiver from UHIP is seldom granted |

Additional costs

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| Do I have to pay any mandatory costs? | Yes, Student Services fees |
| If yes, please provide details and costs | \$50 per term |

General Information

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| Links to tourist information | www.visitor.on.ca and/or www.stjacobs.com |
| Link to the Study Abroad office pages | http://www.exchange.uwaterloo.ca/ click on 'Incoming Exchange Students' http://www.iso.uwaterloo.ca/ International Students Office (ISO) http://www.research.uwaterloo.ca/international/ International Programs Office (IPO) http://www.studentservices.uwaterloo.ca/slc/ The Student Life Centre (SLC) is open 24/7 to offer their services, for more information, please visit the above link http://www.uwaterloo.ca/map/index.php How to find us – directions & campus map |

Contact details

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